

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6937–S7009

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1107–1117. **Page S6991**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002”. (S. Rept. No. 107–35) **Page S6991**

Patients’ Bill of Rights: Senate continued consideration of S. 1052, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6937–83

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 201), McCain Amendment No. 820, to clarify that nothing in the bill permits independent medical reviewers to require that plans or issuers cover specifically excluded items or services. **Pages S6963–68, S6971–72**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 199) Allard Amendment No. 817, to exempt small employers from certain causes of action. **Pages S6937–44**

Kyl Amendment No. 818, to clarify that independent medical reviewers may not require coverage for excluded benefits and to clarify provisions relating to the independent determinations of the reviewer. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 200), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S6937, S6947–59, S6963

Pending:

Thompson Amendment No. 819, to require the exhaustion of administrative remedies before a claimant goes to court. **Pages S6959–63**

Collins Amendment No. 826, to modify provisions relating to preemption and State flexibility.

Pages S6968–71

Breaux Amendment No. 830, to modify provisions relating to the standard with respect to the continued applicability of State law. **Pages S6972–83**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 28, 2001, with votes to occur on Collins Amendment No. 826 and Breaux Amendment No. 830 (both listed above), beginning at approximately 9:45 a.m. Further, that upon the disposition of those amendments, Senator Gregg, or his designee, be recognized to offer an amendment relative to liability with 1 hour for debate equally divided prior to a vote in relation to that amendment; following which, Senators Snowe and Frist each be recognized to offer a first degree liability amendment with 4 hours for debate equally divided, and that at the conclusion or yielding back of time the Senate vote in relation to the Snowe amendment followed by a vote in relation to the Frist amendment, and that no second degree amendments be in order to any of the amendments listed in this agreement prior to a vote in relation to the amendment.

Pages S6967–68

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on blocking property of persons who threaten international stabilization efforts in the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30)

Pages S6989–90

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–31)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2002.

Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning). **Page S7009**

Executive Communications: **Pages S6990–91**

Messages From the House: **Page S6990**

Measures Referred: **Page S6990**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S6992–S7002**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6991–92**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7002–08**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6986–89**

Authority for Committees: **Page S7008**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—201) **Pages S6944, S6963, S6971–72**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 28, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7008–09.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, Reginald Jude Brown, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Michael Montelongo, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, and John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Brown was introduced by Senator Warner, Mr. Montelongo was introduced by Representative Reyes, and Mr. Young was introduced by Senators Stevens and Inouye.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2002–2004 for the Defense Production Act, receiving testimony from Kenneth I. Juster, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Michael D. Brown, General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Eric J. Fygi, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Energy; and Delores

M. Etter, Acting Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the economic slowdown and its impact on productivity, the federal budget, and the outlook of the United States economy, receiving testimony from Martin N. Baily, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; William C. Dudley, Goldman, Sachs, and Company, New York, New York; and Brian S. Wesbury, Griffin, Kubik, Stephens and Thompson, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, former Chief Economist for the Joint Economic Committee.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Vicky A. Bailey, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, and John W. Keys III, of Utah, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, and Frances P. Mainella, of Florida, to be Director of the National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Baily was introduced by Senator Bayh, Mr. Keys was introduced by Senator Bennett, and Ms. Mainella was introduced by Senators Graham and Bill Nelson.

PRESCRIPTION FRAUD

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine prescription fraud, focusing on the General Accounting Office report into consultants who advise health care providers how to take unfair advantage of the Medicare system, improperly bill the government, and circumvent compliance regulations, causing the loss of millions in taxpayers' dollars and inadequate treatment for the elderly, receiving testimony from Robert H. Hast, Managing Director, and William D. Hamel, Assistant Director of Investigations, both of the Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; Marjorie Kanof, Deputy Director for Payment Policy, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Lewis Morris, Assistant Inspector General for Legal Affairs, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Kathryn Locatell, Sacramento, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Clark T. Randt, Jr.,

of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Charles J. Swindells, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, Pierre-Richard Prosper, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, William A. Eaton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Swindells was introduced by Senators Gordon Smith and Wyden, Mr. Taylor was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, and Mr. Ervin was introduced by Senators Gramm and Hutchison.

NURSING SHORTAGE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the federal governments role in retaining nurses for the delivery of federally funded health care services, focusing on the effects nursing shortages have on health care and long-term care programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's and defense health, after receiving testimony from Rachael Weinstein, Director, Clinical Standards Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Denise H. Geolot, Director, Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, USN, Director, Navy Nurse Corps; Janet Heinrich, Director, Health Care-Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office; Ann O'Sullivan, Illinois Nursing Association, Springfield, on behalf of the American Nurses Association; Gary A. Mecklenburg, Northwestern Memorial Healthcare, on behalf of the American Hospital Association, and Lynn Martin and Mary Jo Snyder, both of the University of Illinois Nursing Institute, all of Chicago, Illinois; Carol Anne Bragg, Professional Staff Nurses Association, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Service Employees International Union (AFL-CIO); and J.

David Cox, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Salisbury, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO).

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

DEATH PENALTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the protection of the innocent, focusing on competent counsel in death penalty cases, and related provisions of S. 486, the Innocence Protection Act of 2001, after receiving testimony from Senators Gordon Smith and Collins; Representatives Delahunt and LaHood; Alabama Attorney General William H. Pryor, Jr., Montgomery; Texas State Senator Rodney G. Ellis, Austin; Ronald Eisenberg, Deputy District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kevin Brackett, Deputy Solicitor General of the 16th Circuit, York, South Carolina; Stephen B. Bright, Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, Georgia; Beth A. Wilkinson, Latham and Watkins, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Constitution Project's Death Penalty Initiative; and Michael R. Graham, Roanoke, Virginia.

ELECTION REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine a report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding the November 2000 election and election reform in general, receiving testimony from Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson, and Abigail M. Thernstrom, Commissioner, both of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, Columbus; Hilary Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Baltimore, Maryland; Raul Yzaguirre, National Council of La Raza, Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, League of Women Voters of the United States, and James C. Dickson, American Association of People with Disabilities, all of Washington, D.C.; and Larry J. Sabato, University of Virginia Center for Governmental Studies, Charlottesville.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 2325–2353; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 175–177, and H. Res. 181–183, were introduced. **Pages H3711–13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.J. Res. 36, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 107–115);

H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–116);

H. Res. 182, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 107–117); and

H. Res. 183, providing for consideration of H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–118). **Page H3711**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3621**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Bishop Michael Tyrone Cushman, General Overseer, National Association of the Church of God of West Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 26 by a ye-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 195. **Pages H3621, H3627–28**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring the Sacrifice and Heroism of the Late Firefighters John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford: H. Res. 172, honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 197); **Pages H3628–35, H3645**

Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary Commemoration Commission: H.R. 2133, amended, to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (agreed to by a ye-

and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 198); and **Pages H3635–41, H3645–46**

Child Passenger Protection Education Grants: H.R. 691, to extend the authorization of funding for child passenger protection education grants through fiscal year 2003. **Pages H3686–88**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consideration of the bill will resume on June 27. **Pages H3646–84**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–114 that strikes Title I section 103 dealing with an alternative analysis of Auburn Dam as a part of the Sacramento district's current American River watershed long-term study was considered as adopted. **Page H3657**

Amendment Proceedings Postponed:

Further proceedings on the following amendments that were offered and debated were postponed until Thursday, June 28:

Tancredo amendment that seeks to increase funding for renewable alternative energy programs by \$8.9 million with offsets of \$9.9 million from the Corps of Engineer funding for general investigations;

Pages H3657–58

Tancredo amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26 that seeks to strike Title 1 section 105 that deals with the 65% Federal to 35% local cost sharing formula for coastal shore protection and beach replenishment programs;

Pages H3662–68

Hinchey amendment that seeks to increase funding for renewable alternative energy programs by \$50 million with offsets of \$60 million from the National Nuclear Security Administration Stockpile Stewardship program;

Pages H3669–71

Kucinich amendment No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26 that seeks to decrease funding for the National Ignition Facility by \$122.5 million and increase funding for nuclear non-proliferation activities by \$66 million; and

Pages H3672–76

Bonior amendment that seeks to prohibit oil or gas drilling in any of the Great Lakes, Lake Saint Clair, or the Saint Mary's, Saint Clair, Detroit, Niagara, or Saint Lawrence Rivers. **Pages H3676–84**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 180, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a

yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 196. **Pages H3641–44**

Further Consideration of Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 2311, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, no further amendments shall be in order except: Amendments offered by Representative Traficant (drilling) and Representative Berkeley (nuclear waste), each debatable for 20 minutes; Amendments offered by Representative Traficant (Buy American), Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas (bio/environmental research) and Representative Kelly (Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspector General salaries and expenses), each debatable for 10 minutes; and an amendment offered by Representative Davis of Florida (gulfstream natural gas pipeline), debatable for 60 minutes. **Pages H3684–85**

Fourth of July District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 176, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H3684**

Meeting Hour—Thursday, June 28: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 28. **Page H3685**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmitted the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 2000—referred to the Committee on Government Reform; and **Page H3685**

National Emergency Declared Re Macedonia, Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Elsewhere in the Western Balkans: Message wherein he reported the declaration of a national emergency in response to the threat posed to the national security and foreign policy of the United States by actions of persons engaged in or supporting extremist violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, southern Serbia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–91).

Pages H3685–86

Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, upon the Recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Ms. Leila Sadat of St. Louis, Missouri and Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey to the Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Page H3688**

Discharge Petition: Pursuant to Clause 2 of Rule XV, Representative Inslee presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 165, providing for consideration of H.R. 1468, to stabilize the dysfunctional wholesale power market in the Western United States (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3714–15.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3627–28, H3644, H3645, and H3645–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held a hearing to review agricultural research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Extension, Education Service; and Floyd Horn, Administrator, Agriculture Research Service; and public witnesses.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review the food stamp program. Testimony was heard from Representative Levin; Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA; Sonia Rivero, Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Virginia; Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy Director, Welfare Work Divisions, Department of Social Services, State of California; Douglas E. Howard, Director, Family Independence Agency, State of Michigan; Jennifer Reinert, Secretary, Department of Workforce Development, State of Wisconsin; Jerry W. Friedman, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN KOREA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life in Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, Commander in Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command; Raymond F. DeBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Chief Master Sgt. Steve Sullens, USAF, and Sgt. Dwayne Dozier, USA; and a public witness.

VIEQUES—MILITARY TRAINING

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on military training on the island of Vieques. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the budget for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF (Ret.), Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Carolyn L. Huntoon, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT ACT—FORTHCOMING EXTENSION/MODIFICATION

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Forthcoming Extension/Modification of the Budget Enforcement Act (Spending Caps and PAYGO). Testimony was heard from Representative Sabo; Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Director, OMB; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; former Representative Leon Panetta of California; and public witnesses.

SALES INCENTIVE COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action H.R. 2070, Sales Incentive Compensation Act.

HYDROELECTRIC RELICENSING AND NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on Hydroelectric relicensing and nuclear energy. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, NRC; the following officials of the Department of Energy: William D. Magwood, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and Curtis T. Hebert, Jr., Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Advancing the Health of the American People: Addressing Various Public Health Needs, focusing on the following measures: H.R. 293, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary of Indian Health; H.R. 632, Men's Health Act of 2001; H.R. 717, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2001; H.R. 943, Flu Vaccine Availability Act of 2001; H.R. 1340, Biomedical Research Assistance Voluntary Option Act; H. Con. Res. 25, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding tuberous sclerosis; H. Con. Res. 36, urging increased Federal funding for Juvenile (Type1) diabetes research; H. Con. Res. 61, expressing support for a National Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSA) Awareness Month; and H. Con. Res. 84, supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week in promoting drug-free communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following: as amended, the Financial Services Anti-fraud Network Act of 2001; and H.R. 1850, Senior Housing Commission Extension Act of 2001.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2069, as amended, Global Access to HIV/AIDs Prevention, Awareness, Education and Treatment Act of 2001; and H. Con. Res. 158, expressing the sense of Congress in support of victims of torture.

ORGANS FOR SALE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Organs For Sale: China's Growing Trade and Ultimate Violations of Prisoners' Rights. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Parmly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, AND COPYRIGHT HARMONIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on S. 487, Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2278, to provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of intracompany transferees, and to reduce the period of time during which certain intracompany transferees have to be continuously employed before applying for admission to the United States; H.R. 2277, to provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of treaty traders and treaty investors; H.R. 2276, to amend the illegal Immigration and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for aliens to present a border crossing card that contains a biometric identifier matching the appropriate biometric characteristic of the alien; and H.R. 1840, as amended, to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 271, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; H.R. 434, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California; H.R. 451, amended, Mount Nebo Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 695, amended, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1628, El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act of 2001; H.R. 427, to provide further protections for

the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; H.R. 1937, amended, Pacific Northwest Feasibility Studies Act of 2001; and H.R. 2187, amended, to amend title 10, United States Code, to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States with respect to the reserves.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the rule shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provision in a general appropriations bill). The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bonilla, Smith of Michigan; Kaptur, DeLauro, Clayton and Thompson of Mississippi.

INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD—ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period. All points of order against consideration of the resolution are waived. The resolution lays H. Res. 179 on the table.

VOTING TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2275, Voting Technology Standards Act of 2001.

BRIEFING—COUNTERTERRORISM ISSUES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Working Group on Terrorism and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on Counterterrorism Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 28, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine long term care, focusing on preparation for the aging baby boom generation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the new Federal Farm Bill, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Federal Communications Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the status of intercity transportation, focusing on airways and railways, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense program, focusing on the 2002 budget amendment, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the status of the budget surplus, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine the Surface Transportation Board rail merger rules, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the National Research Council report on climate change issues, focusing on science and technology studies, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the impact of electric industries restructuring on system reliability, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the goals and priorities of the member tribes of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leadership Council for the 107th Congress, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine election reform issues, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings on proposals providing for certain Veteran's benefits, including S. 131; S. 228; S. 409; S. 457; S. 662; S. 781; S. 912; S. 937; S. 1063; S. 1088; S. 1089; S. 1090; S. 1091; and S. 1093, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing to review forestry programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs, hearing to review foreign trade programs, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization budget request, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, hearing on force protection at U.S. military installations, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to mark up H.R. 1992, Internet and Education Equity Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the following brownfields measures: S. 350, Brownfields Revitalization and Environmental Restoration Act of 2001; the Gillmor Discussion Draft; and the Democratic Discussion Draft, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Patients First: A 21st Century Promise to Ensure Quality and Affordable Health Coverage, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology, and Economic Growth, hearing entitled "ESIGN-Encouraging the Use of Electronic Signatures in the Financial Services Industry," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Drug Free Communities Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on the Best Services at the Lowest Price: Moving Beyond a Black-and-White Discussion of Outsourcing, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing and mark up Campaign Finance Reform legislation. 1:15 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to mark up H. Res. 181, congratulating President-elect Alejandro Toledo on his election to the Presidency of Peru, congratulating the people of Peru for the return of democracy to Peru, and expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Peru on June 23, 2001; followed by a hearing on A Review of the Andean Initiative, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.Con.Res. 16, expressing the sense of Congress that the George Washington letter to Tuoro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which is on display at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom; and H.R. 7, Charitable Choice Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Standards-Setting

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the Fiscal year 2002 Capital Investment Program, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the National Academy of Science's National Research Council Report on Assessing the Scientific Basis of the Total Maximum Daily Load Approach to Water Pollution Reduction, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Child Support and Fatherhood Proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Disability Programs' Challenges and Opportunities, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on NIMA, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Thursday, June 28

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1052, Patients' Bill of Rights, with votes to occur on Collins Amendment No. 826 and Breaux Amendment No. 830, beginning at approximately 9:45 a.m. Further, that upon the disposition of those amendments, Senator Gregg, or his designee, be recognized to offer an amendment relative to liability with 1 hour for debate equally divided prior to a vote in relation to that amendment; following which, Senators Snowe and Frist each be recognized to offer a first degree liability amendment with 4 hours for debate equally divided, and that at the conclusion or yielding back of time, the Senate vote in relation to the Snowe amendment followed by a vote in relation to the Frist amendment.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, June 28

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2311, Energy and Water Development Appropriations (completed consideration); and

Consideration of H.R. 2330, Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations (open rule, one hour of general debate).

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